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**INFORMATION REQUEST**  
**URGENT LEGAL MATTER: PROMPT REPLY REQUIRED**  
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Argent Marine  
P.O. Box 205  
Solomons, MD 20688

**Re: Peck Iron and Metal Site**  
**Portsmouth, Virginia**

Dear Sir or Madame:

EPA has obtained information which suggests that Argent Marine (hereinafter "you" or "your company") arranged for the disposal of scrap materials which may have contained hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at the Peck Iron and Metal Site at 3850 Elm Avenue in Portsmouth, Virginia (the "Site").

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §9604(e), EPA has the authority to require your company to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of your company's employees or agents, which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(14), pollutants and/or contaminants as defined by Section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9601(33), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the Peck Iron and Metal Site.

Section 104(e) of CERCLA authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with that section or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject your company to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. §1001. The information your company provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

Instructions for responding to this required submission of information are provided below.

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